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Inventors : Yasuji MIZUTANI *et al.*
Serial No. : 09/287,707
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For : HYDRAULIC BRAKING SYSTEM WHEREIN ELECTRICALLY
CONTROLLABLE ASSISTING DRIVE FORCE IS APPLIED TO
MASTER CYLINDER PISTON UPON BRAKE PEDAL
OPERATION
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☐ 5. Relevance of the non-English language reference(s) is discussed in the present specification.

- ☐ 6. The reference(s) was/were cited in the International Search Report. Copies of the references and search report are attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☐ 7. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☐ 8. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.
- ☐ 9. This application is one of a series of related applications, identified in the attached Appendix, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during the examination.
- ☐ 10. The reference(s) was/were cited by the Examiner in a Form PTO-892 or submitted to the Office in parent application No.: 08/615,022, filed March 13, 1996, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).

Respectfully submitted,

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Concise Explanation of the Relevance

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This document shows a braking system including an assisting device (10, 11, 20-25, 30-58) operable to apply to the pressurizing piston of the master cylinder (5), an assisting drive force which is different from the primary drive force. The assisting drive force is controlled by a controller (37) according to a vehicle weight or load detected by a floor-height sensor 36, but is not controllable on the basis of the operating condition of the brake operating member (2).

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This document merely shows a hydraulic braking system including solenoid-operated valves (7, 13) for controlling a hydraulic pressure to be applied to wheel brake cylinder (5) connected to master cylinder (4) and pump (17).

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